

# **OPTICAL MAGNIFYING DEVICE FOR A CELLULAR PHONE**

## **FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

5 The present invention relates to an optical magnifying device connected to a cellular phone so as to magnify words, numbers or patterns on the panel or in the screen of the cellular phone.

## **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

10 Conventional cellular phones provide very much convenience for users to communicate with each other regardless of where they are. In order to let the users to carry and/or store the cellular phone, the conventional cellular phones are made to be compact and light in weight. However, the area panel of the cellular phones becomes smaller and there are still a lot of buttons on the panel so that each button is reduced in its size. The buttons are so small that the users have to identify them carefully, this is especially difficult for the users who have optical problems. Besides, the area of the screen on the panel is reduced either. Many kinds of information are illustrated on the screen and include words, patterns and numbers so that the shrunk screen cannot meet requirements of the users.

15 The present invention intends to provide an optical magnifying device which is movably or pivotally connected to the cellular phone and is able to magnify words on the panel or on the screen so that the users can easily identify the information on the panel.

## **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

25 In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, there is provided an optical magnifying device for a cellular phone and comprising a frame which is pivotably mounted to the body of the cellular phone. A magnifying plate is connected to the frame and the magnifying plate is moved above the screen or buttons of the cellular phone.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide an optical magnifying device for a cellular phone and the magnifying device can be slid or pivoted to a position to magnify the numbers on the buttons or the screen of the cellular phone.

5           These and further objects, features and advantages of the present invention will become more obvious from the following description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings which show, for purposes of illustration only, several embodiments in accordance with the present invention.

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

10           Fig. 1 is a perspective view to show a cellular phone with an optical magnifying device of the present invention;

            Fig. 2 is an exploded view to show the optical magnifying device of the present invention;

15           Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view to show an embodiment of the optical magnifying device used on a button of a cellular phone;

            Fig. 4 is a perspective view to show another embodiment of the optical magnifying device of the present invention;

            Fig. 5 is a perspective view to show the optical magnifying device as shown in Fig. 4 and which is slid away from the cellular phone;

20           Fig. 6 is an exploded view to show yet another embodiment of the optical magnifying device of the present invention;

            Fig. 7 is a perspective view to show yet another embodiment of the optical magnifying device of the present invention, and

25           Fig. 8 is a perspective view to show the optical magnifying device illustrated in Fig. 7 and which is pivoted to an upright position.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, a cellular phone includes a body 10 with a screen 11 connected thereto and a button panel 23 with buttons 231 on the button panel 23. The button panel 23 is connected to the body 10. A panel cover 20 is mounted to the body 10 and the panel cover 20 having an aperture 210 and holes 221 respectively defined therethrough. The screen 11 on the body 10 is enclosed by a periphery of the aperture 210 and the buttons 231 extend through the holes 221. The optical magnifying device of the present invention includes a magnifying plate 210 engaged with the aperture 210 of the panel cover 20 so that the information displayed on the screen 11 can be magnified via the magnifying plate 210.

As shown in Fig. 3, the optical magnifying device may be made for the buttons 231 wherein the button 231 is made to have a convex top surface and a pattern sheet 24 is connected to an underside of each button 231. The button 231 is made of transparent material so that the words or numbers on the pattern sheet 24 can be seen and magnified when viewed through the convex top surface of the button 231. Therefore, the buttons 231 can be identified easily. Of course, the way to put a number, a word or a pattern in the button 231 can be done by many known methods such as printing or heat transferring.

Figures 4 and 5 show another embodiment of the present invention wherein the optical magnifying device includes a frame 25 which is a U-shaped frame and includes two legs 251. The two legs 251 are respectively and slidably mounted to two grooves 100 in two sides of the body 10. A magnifying plate 250 is connected to the frame 25 so that the magnifying plate 250 is mounted above the panel cover 20. When the magnifying plate 250 is located above the buttons 231, the numbers on the buttons 231 are magnified.

Figure 6 shows a signal frame 26 with a magnifying plate 261 can be mounted to the screen 11 on the body 10 of the cellular phone to magnify the screen 11.

Referring to Figs. 7 and 8, another embodiment of the optical magnifying device is a rectangular frame 28 and a magnifying plate 280 is connected to the frame 28. The body 10 of the cellular phone has two protrusions 12, 13 respectively extend from a side of the body 10. Two support members 27 are connected to two sides of the body 10 of the cellular phone so that the frame 28 is pivotally connected between the two support members 27. The frame 28 has a locking member 281 on a side of the frame 28 and the locking member has a hole defined therethrough which receives one of the two protrusions 12, 13. The two positions of the frame 28 allow the user to see clearly the buttons 231 and the screen 11.

While we have shown and described various embodiments in accordance with the present invention, it should be clear to those skilled in the art that further embodiments may be made without departing from the scope and spirit of the present invention.